**Michael & Susan Dell Center for Healthy Living**

**The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston (UTHealth) School of Public Health in Austin**

**Dell Health Undergraduate Scholar Application for Fall 2023**

The [Michael & Susan Dell Center for Healthy Living](http://www.msdcenter.org) at The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston (UTHealth) School of Public Health in Austin is accepting applications for a unique part-time research opportunity for undergraduate students interested in public health, community building, and/or obesity prevention. The Michael & Susan Dell Center for Healthy Living, funded by the Michael & Susan Dell Foundation, conducts research and implements programs that promote healthy living for children, their families and their communities. One undergraduate scholar will be selected for a one-semester paid fellowship starting in September 2023.

The [Dell Health Undergraduate Scholar Program](https://sph.uth.edu/research/centers/dell/dell-health-undergraduate-scholars/) provides funding for students to work and gain public health research experience. The Center will accept one undergraduate student from Huston-Tillotson, Austin Community College, Concordia University Texas, or St. Edward’s University to work 15 hours/week from September through December 2023. This paid internship is open to all undergraduates from these schools, regardless of major. Students of diverse backgrounds are encouraged to apply.

During this period, the Dell Health Undergraduate Scholar is expected to:

* Be trained in public health research using Center project resources
* Assist with Center community events, academic forums, and associated activities
* Provide support to faculty and staff with health policy research
* Assist with community health research and programs
* Assist with a project or Center activity related to the student’s public health interest
* Receive training, resources, and guidance from faculty and staff mentors whose research aligns with the student’s interests
* Participate in administrative tasks in order to be fully trained as a public health professional

The Dell Health Undergraduate Scholar Program is led by [Dr. Deanna Hoelscher](https://sph.uth.edu/research/centers/dell/faculty-member.htm?member=d588f250-86e8-4855-aae6-1538f68df27e) and [Dr. Sandra van den Berg](https://sph.uth.edu/research/centers/dell/faculty-member.htm?member=618d0f24-9768-48d7-b12e-3f4e55459b08), and Melissa Campos-Hernandez. The candidate for this position will be selected using a competitive process.

Applicant eligibility:

* U.S. citizen or permanent resident
* Undergraduate student enrolled at Huston-Tillotson, Austin Community College, Concordia University Texas, or St. Edward’s University during the fall 2023 semester
* Available to work 15 hours/week during the workday (8:00 AM-5:00 PM) from September to December 2023

To apply, complete the application on the following pages, and send it along with a cover letter and resume to Melissa Campos-Hernandez, [Melissa.A.Camposhernandez@uth.tmc.edu](mailto:Melissa.A.Camposhernandez@uth.tmc.edu). **Applications are due by April 28, 2023**, and interviews will be scheduled starting in mid-May.

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**Applicant Information:**

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| NAME: |  |  | |  |
|  | LAST | FIRST | | MIDDLE |
| CITY, STATE: |  | EMAIL: |  | |

**Education:**

What will your educational status be in 2022-23?

Senior (graduating in December 2023)

Senior (graduating in May 2024)

Senior (graduating in Summer 2024)

Junior

Sophomore

Which institution do you attend?

Huston-Tillotson University

Austin Community College

Concordia University Texas

St. Edward’s University

Do you speak or write Spanish? (check all that apply)

Yes, write and read

Yes, speak conversationally

Yes, speak fluently

No

**Biography**: *Provide a biography of your education and work experiences (especially in areas that relate to public health, community building, and/or obesity prevention). (250 word limit)*

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**Personal Statement**: *Provide a statement about your qualifications for the scholar program and your career goals. (500 word limit)*

*This statement should address:*

* *Rationale: What are your reasons for applying for the Dell Health Undergraduate Scholar program?*
* *Areas of Interest: What interests you the most about public health, community building, and/or obesity prevention?*
* *Qualifications: What knowledge, skills and prior experiences can you contribute to the Michael & Susan Dell Center for Healthy Living? Describe any experience you have working in the community (paid or volunteer), conducting data collection (interviews, surveys, etc.), and/or writing or communicating (newspapers, social media, etc.).*

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**References:** *Provide the names, relation, and contact information of two individuals that can comment on your interest/experience in public health, community building, and/or obesity (past or current internship program supervisor, class professor, current job supervisor, volunteer position supervisor, etc.). One of these references should be your most recent academic advisor.*

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| Reference 1: |  |  |  |
|  | Name and Title | Phone/Email | Relationship |
| Reference 2: |  |  |  |
|  | Name and Title | Phone/Email | Relationship |

**Spring Schedule:** *Provide your expected class schedule for the fall of 2023.*

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*If you have questions about the program or application, please contact Melissa Campos-Hernandez at Melissa.A.Camposhernandez@uth.tmc.edu.*

\*Please note: If you are selected as the Dell Health Undergraduate Scholar, you will need to complete an official UTHealth application as part of the hiring process.